

# THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

## St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

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5th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1

**Glory be to Jesus Christ!!!**



### Weekly Schedule of Divine Services:

Sunday 7/31 10am: Divine Liturgy



Icon of the Martyrs  
Boris and Gleb whose  
Feast Day is Celebrated  
Today!

### Prayer List

Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleining, Patricia James, Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela, Tyler, Maria, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blonar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae, The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose), Zachary, George, Fred and Helen Milesko, Robin, Michael, Dean, Margaret, Jenny (Blessed Repose) and Keith, Peter (blessed repose), Bishop Gregory and his family Bryan (Blessed Repose), Rick, the James Family, Fr. Scott, Rebecca Cooper (Blessed Repose), Fr. Paul Herbert, Josph, Boris Through the prayers of the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, St. Elizabeth, The Holy Fathers, and all the Saints, may our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us!



If you have never been to an Orthodox Church before you are about to participate in a Readers Service. On Sunday's the usual service is the Divine Liturgy. This week however, Fr. Matthew and Pani Kathryn are driving some of our kids to Camp Nazareth. It is important that the doors of the Church are always open for prayer. The Readers service is composed of prayers and readings from scripture, but without the Priest being present to offer the Holy Gifts, no Eucharist/ Communion is distributed to the faithful. Next Sunday we will be back to the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, so please join us again!

### Announcement's

- Please bring in any new school supplies for local children in need!
- The Church grounds will be locked and looked after all week. Please email me a day before if you need access for any reason. This is for the safety of the Church. No one is to have access without prior approval.
- This Sunday's Coffee Hour is graciously provided by the Sedliak family!
- Next Sunday's Coffee Hour is still available for sign up!
- Car Magnets, Mugs, and Bricks are all available for purchase in the Atrium!
- Altar Society Book Sale- will be held on 8/19 and 8/20.

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## ST. ELIZABETH ORTHODOX CHURCH

"Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." **Matthew 18:2-4**

This week three of the young people from our Parish will be experiencing the joys of a week at Camp Nazareth. There will certainly be many wonderful experiences for them. They will see old friends and make new friends. They will swim, play sports and games, sing camp fire songs, and forge bonds of friendship that will last them all of their lives.

All of these wonderful activities can happen at any camp across our country. So what is so special about Camp Nazareth? Why do our kids want to spend half a day in a car, and travel 800 miles to be there? It can't just be about fun, because young people can find the fun in most anything. What makes camp so special, so transformative, and so impactful in the lives of so many is that for this one week the children experience a full life in Christ.

At camp, Christ and His Church are at the center of everything that happens. Everything begins and ends with prayer. When the young people are swimming, playing sports, singing camp fire songs, and forming bonds of friendship—they are doing all these things in Christ. With faith and with love in their hearts.

At every Sunday at the Divine Liturgy we sing in *The Cherubic Hymn* the words "Let us lay aside all earthly cares". As we sing these words we can easily realize how many things we worry about in our day to day lives.

When we praise our Lord in Heaven, and truly let go all of our earthly cares, we realize what it means to be like a child. We realize what it means to trust our Heavenly Father. We realize what it means to love - to love our God, to trust in Him, to come to Him in all of our pain and all of our sorrow, to run to Him after we fall and hurt ourselves - just like a child who runs to his parents after he slips and falls.

This week three of our young people will be laying aside all of their earthly cares and experiencing the joys of life that can only come from our Lord. At Camp Nazareth they will experience a taste of Paradise in this life. It will be a heavenly gift they cherish for all of their lives.

I ask that you pray for Lilia, Micah, and Jack. Pray for their safe travel and pray that this week they encounter Christ and grow in their faith. And as always, pray for all the members of the Church; pray that we may all become like the little children, so that we may all share in the joys of eternal paradise together!

-Fr. Matthew Dutko

